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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. Information on the consideration of agenda item 32 by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) appears in the report of the Committee contained in documents A/60/478 and Add.1.

2. The Fourth Committee considered this item at its 13th to 16th meetings, on 20, 21, 24 and 25 October 2006 (see A/C.4/60/SR.13-16) and resumed its consideration of the item at its 26th meeting, on 12 May 2006 (see A/C.4/60/SR.26).

3. The Fourth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 28th meeting, on 1 September 2006 (see A/C.4/60/SR.28).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.4/60/L. 20

4. At the 28th meeting, on 1 September 2006, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review of a strategy to eliminate future sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations" (A/C.4/60/L.20), and orally introduced the following changes:

(a) The fourth preambular paragraph, which read:

"*Reaffirming* the need for the Organization to adopt without delay a comprehensive strategy to eliminate future sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations, as recommended by the Special Committee and the Adviser to the Secretary-General",

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was replaced by the following paragraph:

"*Reaffirming* its resolutions 59/296 and 59/300 of 22 June 2005 and 60/263 of 6 June 2006 and the need for the Organization to implement its policy of zero-tolerance of sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations as recommended by the Special Committee";

(b) In the fifth preambular paragraph, the words "the Organization to adopt without delay a comprehensive strategy for assisting and supporting" were replaced by "a comprehensive strategy of assistance to" before the words "victims of sexual exploitation";

(c) In operative paragraph 3, the word "aforementioned" was added before the words "proposals, recommendations and conclusions".

5. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement regarding the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/60/L.20.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada made a statement.

7. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/60/L.20, as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

8. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Comprehensive review of a strategy to eliminate future sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005, paragraph 165, and its resolutions 59/281 of 29 March 2005 and 59/300 of 22 June 2005,

Recalling also its resolution 60/263 of 6 June 2006, in which it endorsed the decision contained in paragraph 75 of the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations[1] that the Special Committee would consider, at the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General's strategy for victim assistance and the revised draft model memorandum of understanding, including a proposal on national investigations officers,

Reaffirming its resolutions 59/296 and 59/300 of 22 June 2005 and 60/263 of 6 June 2006 and the need for the Organization to implement its policy of zero-tolerance of sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations as recommended by the Special Committee,

Affirming the need for a comprehensive strategy of assistance to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff or related personnel,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to take strong and effective steps in this regard,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on its 2006 resumed session;[2]

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee contained in paragraphs 5 to 10 of the report on its 2006 resumed session;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and the relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the aforementioned proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, and supports the request of the Special Committee to the Secretary-General that he

[1] A/60/19. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/60/19/Rev.1).

[2] Idem, part two.

provide a progress report on the implementation of its recommendations at its next regular session;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee to include this issue in its report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session.

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Corrigendum

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